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Coal Output and Distribution

1. Total output of Polish coal in 1954 is estimated at 87 million tons. Out of this figure 14 million tons will be exported to the Soviet Bloc countries, 10 million to the West, and 63 million will be used for home consumption.
2. This last figure is strikingly wasteful. It may be explained by the fact that:
 - a. Nationalized industry has too many bosses and no one really considers himself responsible.
 - b. It is now forbidden to use wood as fuel for domestic purposes.

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The Position of Krupinski

5. Boleslaw Krupinski, until recently Vice-Minister for Mining, has been dismissed from his post. However, he is not in disgrace, and has been appointed president of the Scientific Research Commission of the Ministry of Mining. He is still using his official car and has an even higher salary. [redacted] 25X1

[redacted] The Party [redacted] still rates him 25X1
as a very valuable specialist. 25X1

Specialists versus the Party¹

6. There is now a general tendency to disregard a man's attitude towards the regime when he is a specialist or expert. The government is less and less concerned whether a man is a Party member or supports the regime actively, so long as he can be useful. The tendency is to put a specialist into a specialist job whether or no he is a Communist. In some cases non-Party specialists are even given preference, since "they don't waste time on politics".
7. The recent dismissal of Gede from the post of Minister of Foreign Trade and the nomination of Dobrzanski in his place is a move in the new line. Gede was purely a Party man, with little knowledge of trade, spending most of his time in Party conferences. Dobrzanski, though a Communist, is interested in trade and his work is influenced by trade considerations alone.

The Position of Professor Roga

8. Professor Roga, who usually attends E.C.E. international coal conferences in Geneva as a Polish delegate to the Classification Committee, is not likely to be allowed to travel abroad again in the immediate future. He was due to attend the E.C.E. conference in June, but at the last moment he was again crossed off the list of delegates, and his mission was entrusted to Wladyslaw Wolski, delegate of the Central Offices for the Coal Industry in Warsaw (main office in Stalinogrod). There is nothing serious against Roga, but he, like Krupinski, is not a Party member and is equally careless in conversation, and does not therefore enjoy the confidence of the Party. On the other hand, it is normal practice to nominate and obtain visas for twice the number of people needed for a delegation abroad, and then a day or two before actual departure to select the final team.

[redacted] Comment. This so-called new trend has not been noticed in the higher governmental circles. The emphasis still appears to be on the Party man rather than on the specialist. Gede was not dismissed from his post but was advanced to the position of a Vice-Chairman of the Praesidium of the Council of Ministers. He was replaced in the Ministry of Foreign Trade by Konstanty Dabrowski, not Dobrzanski. [redacted] 25X1